

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Jackson, September 17, 1799, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Knoxville, September 17, 1799.

My Love, I have this moment reached this place from Jonesborough, and Capt. Cain on my way thither, about an hour since handed me your letter of the 5th Instant. I am truly sorry to read from that letter, that you are not well, but I sincerely hope, that you are much better than when I left you. I am happy to hear that the carpenters are industrious, and that Jimmey, O. is at length done; one thing I do request of you, not to fatigue yourself. let business stop rather than you should either fatigue or fret yourself; recollect my love how precious health is, and how carefull we ought to be, to acquire it. Ease of body and mind are both necessary, with all the helping hand of a Phician, to restore you to perfect health, and both these, it ought to be your constant study to acquire. I have been in good health since I left except, a touch of the Reumatick, and a head ach to day which I suppose proceded from a cold I caught riding in the night, last night.

Rest assured my love, that [I] stay not a moment longer, than the business of court requires. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you the 13th of next month; at Jonesborough. I lent Mr. Samuel Jackson my horse (his being lame) to ride to Knoxville, where he was to stay untill I came down and was ready to proceed on to Cumberland. I am this day informed that he has proceeded on to Cumberland. If you see him tell him I wish him not to leave the Country untill I get there, as I wish to have his deposition before he leaves that state. Mr. John Davidson is here, verry sick, taken yesterday. I hope it will not be of a long duration. he says he will wait for me should he recover and be well enough to set out at an earlier Period. My Dear be carefull of your health untill I return, and

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let that be your only object. May heaven bless you untill I return which will be as early as Possible. I am my Dear with sincere affection your Loving Husband